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# Notes in the Margin

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# NOTES IN THE MARGIN

## (FOR MR. D)

“The words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels” —Hazrat Inayat Khan

A degree in English  
made it his job to advise:

*don't justify the right margin!*

*right idea, wrong format,*

and little circled commas  
sprinkled  
like ruby red confetti.

But, his credentials in  
Matters of the Soul  
made it his passion to profess:

*You commented on the religious  
element quite eloquently.*

*What an insightful and enlightening  
journey into the nature of evil.*

*Good luck on your academic journey.*

These precious gems are now  
tucked away, unforgotten.  
Each gift, I cherish, appreciating  
their hallowed wisdom.

For sometimes I polish a rare jewel  
when it starts to fade,  
admiring its shimmering beauty  
as I pay heed:

*You're a true heroine  
who will undoubtedly succeed.*

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